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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

Further in response to the Office Action of March 7, 2007, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested for the purpose of placing the application in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Attachment: Second Declaration of Dr. Jürgen Meyer